

Insurances.

NOTICE.

THE following Resolutions having reference to Insurance in Hongkong, adopted at a Meeting in London of the various Fire Insurance Companies represented in Hongkong and by the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, are hereby notified for general information:

1st.—That in future, the rates for short periods be calculated as follows:

Not exceeding one month	1/4 of the annual rate.
Above one month and not exceeding three months	1/2 " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months	3/4 " "
Above six months	The full " "

2nd.—That Petroleum and its Products should be stored by themselves in buildings constructed in conformity with the following regulations:

"The Building to be of Ground Floor only, constructed of Brick or Stone, with Tile, Slate or Metal roof, such as to be impervious to the passage of fire; the whole of such building to be sunk at least two feet below the surface of the road or street, or in the event of the floor not being sunk, then any openings in the walls of said building to be built up to the height of at least three feet above the level of the road or street, in order to prevent the petroleum, &c. flowing out of the building in case of fire."

3rd.—That Saltpetre and Nitrates should be stored in like manner in buildings of substantial structure (without internal wood work) appropriated exclusively to such articles.

4th.—That the rate for the foregoing articles be not less than (2%) two per cent. per annum.

5th.—That Gunpowder should be stored in some fitting place either on shore or in the Bay, under proper regulations, and at sufficient distance from all other property.

6th.—That a clause be inserted in every policy covering ordinary godowns, declaring that Petroleum and its products, Saltpetre, Nitrates and Gunpowder, are not deposited therein.

7th.—That the foregoing regulations regarding the storage of goods do come into operation on and after the 6th July next.

8th.—That no Insurances on Chinese Houses shall in future be taken at a lower rate than (2 1/2%) two and a half per cent. per annum.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents, Alliance Fire Insurance Company, and General Managers Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Chinese Fire Insurance Company, Imperial Fire Insurance Company, Phoenix Assurance Company, Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company.

R. S. WALKER & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool.

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Lancashire Insurance Company.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents, Queen's Fire Insurance Company, Manchester Fire Insurance Company.

GILMAN & Co., Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

TURNER & Co., Agents, Northern Assurance Company.

WM. PORTER & Co., Agents for the Hamburg and Bremen Fire Insurance Company.

ADAM SCOTT & Co., (In Liquidation), Agents, Pacific Insurance Company of San Francisco.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents, Guardian Assurance Company.

ALFRED WILKINSON & Co., Agents, Commercial Union Insurance Company.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month	1/4 of the Annual Rate.
Above one month and not exceeding three months	1/2 " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months	3/4 " "
Above six months	The full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.

ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month	1/4 of the Annual Rate.
Above one month and not exceeding three months	1/2 " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months	3/4 " "
Above six months	The full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents, Alliance Fire Insurance Company.

HONGKONG, APRIL 7, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND SPECIAL ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

ESTABLISHED 1803. CAPITAL £2,000,000. ACCUMULATED FUNDS £2,339,927. ANNUAL REVENUE £497,263.

THE Undersigned Agents at Hongkong for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same.

GILMAN & Co. Hongkong, June 21, 1864.

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NOTICE.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged in Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month	1/4 of the annual rate.
Above one month and not exceeding three months	1/2 " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months	3/4 " "
Above six months	The full Annual rate.

GILMAN & Co., Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

HONGKONG, APRIL 7, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1/4 per cent.

Other Dwelling-Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c. and their Contents, 1 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

HONGKONG, MARCH 9, 1866.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, either at this Port, or at Macao, Canton or Whampoa, to the extent of £15,000, in any one Risk upon Buildings or Merchandise, on the usual terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, JUNE 8, 1867.

NOTICE.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, either at this Port, or at Macao, Canton or Whampoa, to the extent of £15,000, in any one Risk upon Buildings or Merchandise, on the usual terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, APRIL 8, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation are prepared to grant FIRE and Marine Insurance on the usual Terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 26, 1867.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE following rates will in future be charged for Short Period Insurances:—

One month	1/4 per cent.
Three months	1/2 " "
Six months	3/4 " "

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, APRIL 7, 1868.

NOTICE.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £80,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 24, 1864.

NOTICE.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding one month	1/4 of the annual rate.
Above one month and not exceeding three months	1/2 " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months	3/4 " "
Above six months	The full Annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.

HONGKONG, MARCH 6, 1865.

Insurances.

NOTICE.

BOMBAY INSURANCE COMPANY AND FORBES & CO.'S CONSTITUENTS INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies are prepared to accept Risks on the usual terms.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 26, 1868.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1838. CAPITAL, \$500,000.

Managing Agents in China:—Messrs. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Hongkong, Medical Referee:—J. IYON, MURRAY, Esq., M.D.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Managing Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks and issue Policies on Life Assurances.

For further particulars, forms of proposals, &c., apply to

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Managing Agents in China.

HONGKONG, JUNE, 1867.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED 1859. CAPITAL, £1,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Marine risks and issue Policies at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, JUNE 6, 1867.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine Risks at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, MARCH 6, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000.

(LIFE DEPARTMENT.)

£2 per cent. per annum Bonus declared during the last Fifteen Years on all Profit participating Policies of Two Years standing.

The utmost liberality practised in the settlement of all Claims, with the representatives of deceased Assureds.

An Assurance for any sum not exceeding £1000 can be effected with the Undersigned without referring to head-quarters.

By special authority of the Board, Claims are settled at once by the Undersigned without reference to England.

Fees to Medical Referees paid by the Company.

No forfeiture of Policy from unintentional mis-statement.

Premiums payable: Half-yearly or Annually at the option of the Assured.

Annual Premium for an Assurance of £100 for the whole term of Life, including £2.10s. per Cent. for Foreign Risk, which will be deducted during a visit to or a permanent resident in Europe.

Age.

Without Participation.

With Participation.

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N.B. Intermediate ages charged proportionably.

For Rates, for effecting Life Assurances, and for any further information apply to

ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 3, 1864.

LIFE ASSURANCE.

THE Undersigned have received Authority by a recent Mail to issue Life Policies for amounts not exceeding £1000 without reference to the Head Office, as was previously required by the Board.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents.

Royal Insurance Company.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 6, 1863.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding One Month	1/4 per cent.
Above One Month and not exceeding Three Months	1/2 per cent.
Above Three Months and not exceeding Six Months	3/4 per cent.
Above Six Months	The full Annual Rate of 1 per cent.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents.

Royal Insurance Company.

HONGKONG, APRIL 1, 1863.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM FOR FIRE INSURANCE.

THE Undersigned have (as already intimated in their Circular dated 14th October last) received authority from the Secretary of the ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY to reduce the rate of Premium under certain circumstances, on PRIVATE RESIDENCES and on FURNITURE and EFFECTS, therein contained.

In cases of Dwelling-Houses removed from the Town, the rate of Premium will be Three-quarters per Cent. in place of One per Cent. per Annum as hitherto charged; and in cases of Residences, so situated, being detached or semi-detached, the rate will be further reduced to One-half per Cent.

The Royal's Annual Rates for FIRE Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will therefore remain as follows, until further notice, viz:—

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses (removed from the Town) and their Contents,	1/4 per cent.
Other Dwelling-Houses (similarly situated) and their Contents,	1/2 per cent.
First Class Chinese Houses and their Contents,	1 1/2 per cent.
Other Risks as per special arrangement.	

ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents.

Royal Insurance Company.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 9, 1860.

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NOTICE.

HE Undersigned having received extended limits from THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, are now authorised to issue Policies against FIRE as follows, viz:—

On any one first-class Building, or on Goods stored therein, in Hongkong, \$50,000; in Macao \$45,000.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents.

Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool.

HONGKONG, JUNE 17, 1864.

THE UNIVERSAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF CALCUTTA.

ESTABLISHED 1834.

Subscribed Capital, £200,000. Accumulated Funds exceed £308,000.

THE Undersigned are empowered to accept Life Assurances in the above Society. Full particulars given on application.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 21, 1868.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above INSURANCE OFFICE, are prepared to accept Marine Risks, and issue Policies on any first class Sailing Vessels or Steamers, on the usual terms, payable in case of loss, in CHINA, SINGAPORE, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, or LONDON.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, JUNE 17, 1864.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

A DIVIDEND of (8 per cent.) Eight per cent. has been declared on the Net Premium contributed to the above Association for the year ending 30th September, 1860.

Policy HOLDERS will please send in particulars of their contribution to that date to the Undersigned.

RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 7, 1867.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Secretaries and Agents of this Association, are prepared to issue Policies upon Marine Risks at current rates of premium. Policies can be made payable in London, New York, Bombay, Calcutta, Singapore, Hongkong, Kowloon and Shanghai.

In addition to the usual brokerage this Association returns to the assured of each year at the close of each current year, fifteen (15) per cent. of the profits of the Company for that year divided pro rata to the amount of premium paid by each policy-holder.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, MARCH 2, 1867.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Undersigned, agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, on BUILDINGS and GOODS, at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 6, 1867.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China for the above Insurance Company are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine risks, at the current rates.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, JULY 6, 1860.

BATAVIA SEA & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above named COMPANY are prepared to grant Policies against SEA RISKS, at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, APRIL 1, 1863.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE).

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Conts in Marshes, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information apply to

ARNOLD KARBURG & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 4, 1867.

DE OOSTERLING SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.

SAMARANG SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAMARANG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above named Companies are prepared to grant Policies against SEA RISKS on the usual terms.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 1866.

SAMARANG SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAMARANG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Macao for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks at the current Rates.

RAYNAL & Co., Agents.

Macao, Aug. 4, 1866.

MERCHANTS' MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO.

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for a greater than he. He paid a visit to the Excellency the French Minister at 2 O'clock this afternoon, and we saw him and retinue as he was leaving the Legation. He is a small man of common but not un-intelligent features. His dress was unobtrusive with a dark, but looked as if made in one garment from neck to heel. The trousers were loose—and the whole made of a sort of reddish brown satin wrought with a gold scroll. On his head was a tall black cap, about 18 inches high, and terminating atop with a sort of pinched scroll. He was attended by several of the Custom house Yakonus and other officials—but not by the Governor of Kanagawa (but had a guard of Japanese soldiers, about 12 or 14 of as scrubby-looking fellows as ever we saw carry a rifle—anything but what might have been expected from the description of those that guard Kōbē. We believe that as yet he has not visited the Government House.

Since writing the above we have heard authentically that the name of the King is Ohara Lijou. He is the great admiral and has nothing whatever to do with political affairs, and therefore will not take possession of Yokohama.

From Kōbē we have no recent advices of any moment. Whether Negato, the port on the Coast that was to be opened to foreigners on the 1st April, was so or not we are not perfectly aware. We imagine, however, that the agreement holds good so far as it is concerned, that foreigners will find no difficulty. One vessel recently arrived from Yokohama for that port, having on board certain foreign merchants who, having access to the best information, would hardly have gone thither unless they knew they were permitted to do so by the Treaty.

Yedo is in a nominally quiet state, but really only a few degrees less excited than before. Many daimios have stripped their yatchekis of their contents, and selling or carrying off their property completely deserted. They have not all gone to their homes, but some of them are remaining within a reasonable distance of the city, until they see how things turn out.

There is no business doing except from hand to mouth, and it will take a long time to restore things to their old condition, under any circumstances. It may be expected that when they do recover, trade will be on altogether a better footing than of yore; but the great question has to be solved—will the new advisers of the Emperor advance trade more rapidly than the old Tycoon was disposed to do? Yedo merchants say that they will not, and that no man has ever done so much for commerce as did Yoshi nobu, commonly called Sōta 'baishi.

The settlement still continues under the protection of the foreign force, in addition to ordinary Japanese Yakonus. They allow no two sworded men to enter without a pass from the governor of Kanagawa, unless he leaves his sword at the guard house, which few care to do. No sort of discomfort has been experienced by foreigners. Parties take their usual pleasure excursions without any fear, and so far without molestation.

A SINGULAR PROPHECY—AN ENGLISHMAN ON THE THRONE OF FRANCE.

The Journal de l'Arondissement du Havre states that in an old almanac of the year 1799 there appears, under the head *Prophecies of Nostradamus*, the following prediction: "In the course of the approaching century great changes will occur—prodigious revolutions, glorious victories, terrible misfortunes. At the approach of 1850 the throne, after having been occupied by Frenchmen, will be overthrown. This will be the epoch of the republic." It appears that the celebrated astrologer, who penned the above prediction has read the stars aright, at least if the story related may be depended upon.

It is stated that on the 24th of February, Colonel Wells, an English officer, who, with his family, had apartments in the Hotel Moiré, in the neighbourhood of the Tuileries, who was recovering from a severe attack of brain fever, was violently excited by the shouts of the people and the noise of the musketry. His reason, which was not as yet firmly re-established, was not proof against a commotion so violent. Taking advantage, therefore, of the momentary absence of the persons who had been entrusted to watch him, he hastily arrayed himself in his scarlet uniform, and, sword in hand, descended the staircase and rushed into the street, in the very midst of the combatants. "The English officer," says the French writer, "attired in his scarlet uniform, himself of commanding height, with a martial and inspired air, attracted general attention. He placed himself at the head of the advancing multitude, and encouraged them with voice and gesture. His enthusiasm, excited to delirium by the smell of powder, blinded him to all obstacles. He was one of the first to penetrate into the palace, and he found himself at length in throne-room, a few hours after the departure of Louis Philippe." The conclusion of this violent over-excitement was, that an extraordinary prostration completely subdued the power of the convalescent. A mortal paleness overspread his visage, his limbs failed him, his arms fell from his hand, and he was, in a last effort, he contrived to reach the throne. Tottering, he mounted the steps, and fell almost fainting upon the royal seat. Like Charles X., like Louis Philippe, the last king of France, was compelled to return to England by the anxiety of his family. He was sent over to his native land in charge of an English physician who resided at Havre.

An instance of Chinese hospitality is thus related by the *Wood's Point Times* (Victoria):—"A ball and supper were given last week at Jericho, by Ah Paok and Co., to about sixty Europeans. Ducks, fowls, hams, jellies, tarts, custards—all the luxuries which the district could produce—were supplied in great abundance, and in a style not to be surpassed by any of the best hotels in the district. The Celestials did not dance, but seemed to enjoy themselves heartily by looking at those who did, and the amusement was kept up till 'daylight did appear.' This shows a much happier state of things than hunting Chinese off the diggings."

MISCELLANEOUS.

SHOCKING MURDER AT TADMORDEEN.—A most atrocious murder was committed at Tadmorden on Monday night, March 2. It seems that for some time past a weaver of cloths, named Miles Wetherall, had been paying his addresses to a servant maid living at the parsonage (the Rev. Mr. Plows's), and in consequence of his visits the girl had been discharged, and went back to York, where her parents lived. On Saturday and Sunday he went to York on a visit to her. On returning on Monday he seems to have resolved on taking fearful vengeance upon her late master and mistress, and upon the household, who was supposed to have told her of his visits to her fellow servant. About half-past ten P.M., Mr. Plows, who was preparing to retire to his bedroom, heard a noise at the back door. He went out by the hall door and proceeded to the back of the house, where he saw Wetherall with a hatchet in his hand. Wetherall snatched a pistol at Mr. Plows, but it missed fire, and he then attacked the reverend gentleman with the hatchet, but Mr. Plows, closing with him, they went backwards struggling into the lobby of the house, through the back door. The noise alarmed the servants, and the housemaid, cook, and nurse came to see what was the matter. Some of these seized Wetherall by the hair and clothes to hold him back. Mr. Plows ultimately escaped by the front hall door, but not until he had received some severe wounds on the head and forehead, and one of his ears also was torn from top to bottom. The housemaid sought shelter in the dining-room, and for a time kept the murderer at bay by plunging her head against the door. Wetherall, however, managed to get his right arm through the door, and discharged a pistol at her, shooting her dead. He next went into the kitchen, armed himself with a poker, and proceeded upstairs to a bedroom in which Mrs. Plows was lying, and where she had recently given birth to a child. The nurse told him he need not go there, but he told her not to mind, as he had finished his work, and forced his way past her. Finding down the hall, he closed the door, and the ball did not take effect. He next attacked her savagely with the poker, inflicting some severe scalp wounds, breaking her nose, and otherwise injuring her. While in the act of striking another blow at her his arm was arrested by a man named Stansfield, the church organist, who had seen Mr. Plows, and who was accompanied by two other men. By these men he was removed and given over to the police. It appears that he was armed with three pistols and a hatchet when he went to the house. He behaved with remarkable composure in custody, remarking, "I have done it—I meant to do it, and am only sorry it did not go off better." The lobby of the house was marked with blood like a slaughter-house. The housemaid was found dead behind the dining-room door. Mr. and Mrs. Plows are lying in a precarious state.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. RICHARD B. FARR in our Firm, ceased on the 31st May, 1868.
ALFRED WILKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, April 16, 1868. 50jun

NOTICE.
We have authorized Mr. CLARA BUDDE to sign our Firm from this date.
DREYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
R. THOMAS PYKE has this day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A. FERGUSON in our Firm, ceased on the 1st day of November, 1867.
A. FERGUSON & Co.

HE Business will be henceforth carried on under the name Name by the Undersigned.
A. D. MITCHELL,
J. D. MEYERS, and
HENRY PERLIS.
Hongkong, December 16, 1867. do 16-68

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A. D. MITCHELL in our Firm, ceased on the 31st day of December, 1867.
A. FERGUSON & Co.

NOTICE.
MR. JAMES BILINGTON COUGHERTE is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration from this date.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, April 1, 1868. 1my

NOTICE.
Y Business, as Ship and Insurance Broker, Commission Agent, &c. hitherto carried on by myself, will henceforward be conducted under the style or Firm of J. S. HOOK, Son & Co.
J. S. HOOK.
Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will not act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.
S. L. PHELPS, Agent.
Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

NOTICE.
MR. JOHN HOW CHURVINGTON is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration.
ALFRED WILKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, February 21, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. W. C. VAN OORDT in our Firm, ceased on the 1st January, 1868.
ROSMAN & Co.
Hongkong, November 19, 1867.

Have this day established myself as a General Commission Merchant under the style or firm of VAN OORDT & Co. (Sd)
W. C. VAN OORDT.
Yokohama, October 24, 1867. 1f

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself at this Port as a Public Tea Inspector and General Commission Agent under the style or firm of JOHN ODELL & Co.
JOHN ODELL.
Foonchow, April 13, 1868. 18jul

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.
A my Regencement comes in May next, all outstanding Accounts for the past Two Years must be sent in immediately for payment.
MARY HASTELAND HANDLE,
Superintendent,
Diocesan School,
Hongkong, January 2, 1868. 16my

NOTICE.
MR. SIDNEY DEACON is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration from this date.
DEACON & Co.
Canton, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. J. MURRAY FORBES is authorized to sign our name at Canton from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, February 15, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. WALTER LAIDLAW is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration until further notice.
H. D. BROWN & Co.
Amoy, April 3, 1868. 7my

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this Port as a General Storekeeper and Commission Agent.
JAMES EDWARDS,
89, Yokohama, March 19, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. RYLE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our Firm.
GLOVER & Co.
Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ELDER HALTON in our Firm, ceased on the 30th June last, and Mr. JAMES FREDER DUNCANSON was admitted a Partner on the 1st July.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, January 11, 1866. 1-a-w

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date, Captain J. C. SAUNDERS will undertake the Business of my Marine Surveying at this Port.
H. J. DRING, Marine Surveyor.
Foonchow, August 1, 1867. 1f

NOTICE.
WITH reference to the above, the business hitherto carried on by H. J. DRING, Esq. at Foonchow was conducted by the Undersigned.
J. C. SAUNDERS, Chap. Min, Pagoda Anchorage, Foonchow.
Foonchow, August 1, 1867.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION.
BRITISH CONSULATE, CANTON, 22nd January, 1868.
The undersigned has the honor to make public for the information of the British community at this port, the accompanying despatch from His Excellency Sir Rutherford Alcock, K.C.B., H.M.'s Minister in China, with its enclosure, relating to British subjects in the Chinese of written guarantees commonly called "Security Chops."

D. B. ROBERTSON, H. B. M.'s Consul, Copy, Circular No. 10. PEKING, October 27, 1867.

Sir, I have to call attention to a notification issued by Mr. Consul Medhurst, copy of which is herewith enclosed for your information. It contains a useful warning to British subjects as to the necessity of great caution in the acceptance from the Chinese of written guarantees commonly called "Security Chops." The difference between the Chinese law and customs and our own on this head renders them in a great degree, as experience has shown, valueless, and for any security they practically afford useless without there is other and collateral security. It would be well therefore to exercise caution in the enclosed within your jurisdiction, as a fair exposition of the actual conditions which limit the value of such guarantees in any appeal to the Chinese authorities for execution.

Your obedient servant, (Signed) RUTHERFORD ALCOCK, D. B. Robertson, Esq., C.B., H. B. M.'s Consul, Canton.

ENCLOSURE.
The undersigned desires to call the attention of British subjects in this port to the necessity of exercising great caution in the acceptance from the Chinese of written guarantees, commonly called "Security Chops." The experience of the past two years, during which numerous suits have been instituted in His Consular Courts with almost unvarying ill success, against Chinese sureties who have failed to fulfil their written guarantees, sufficiently proves that such documents, in this part of the world, are of no value for the purposes for which they are given and taken—namely, the additional protection of the obligee from risk of loss. This is to be accounted for, not from and informally in the documents themselves, but from the fact that the Chinese are in the habit of regarding a surety rather in the light of a person who comes forward to recommend his principal, or to assist him towards the attainment of some cherished object, such as a loan or a place &c., than as an individual who binds himself to stand to all intents and purposes in the sureties of his principal, and to fulfil all his obligations with and for him. So prevalent is this qualified idea of the position and duties of a guarantor, that it is a common practice here for a surety to receive a consideration for the use of his name, with the understanding that no individual responsibility is assumed upon the part of the Chinese authorities, moreover have been found to support this view, for they have always persistently avoided acting upon the principle that a surety is to be regarded as equally responsible with his principal for all the obligations entered into by the latter, which the former undertakes shall be fulfilled, and they plead in excuse that Chinese judicial practice, whilst admitting the liability of a surety for the acts and defaults of his principal, is nevertheless always careful to treat a surety when involved through the misconduct of his principal with peculiar lenity, and will not allow of his being prosecuted or pressed until the ability of the principal to make good all defalcations for himself, is departed of, no matter how stringent or how positive the terms in which the guarantee may be drawn up.

Under these circumstances, it is clear that it is not desirable to regard Chinese "Security Chops" in the light of solemn guarantees, to be construed as with ourselves, to the every letter but that they should always be accepted with that reservation, both as regards construction and intention, which seems inseparable from such instruments, according to Chinese habit of thought and judicial practice. The undersigned would therefore recommend his countrymen, when taking such documents, either to see that they are protected by some collateral security on which to fall back in case of need, or to avoid placing that entire reliance on them which they are accustomed to accord to similar instruments to those West.

W. H. MEDHURST, Consul, British Consulate, Canton, 24th June, 1866.

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Caledonia	W. Steward	Brit. str.	227		Ritch & Co		
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Tigre	W.C. Bollevo	Feh. str.	1700	April 29	Massagories Imperiales		
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Benefactress	E. Eldred	Amer. bk.	524	April 7	Smith, Archer & Co		
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Black Prince	W. Inglis	Brit. sh.	750	April 25	Turner & Co		
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Flamer	British	naval hospital	—		Attached to Melville
Manila	British	gun-boat	—		Johnson, Lieut. Comr.
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Vessel.	Flag.	Rig.	Gun.	H.P.	Captain.
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